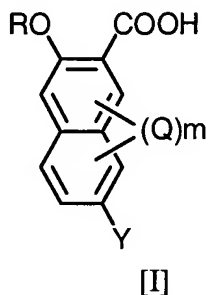


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A charge control agent consisting of a compound represented by formula [I]:



wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of an esterified carboxyl group and a group of $-(\text{CONH})_n\text{-X}$ (wherein X is selected from the group consisting of an optionally branched and optionally substituted hydrocarbon group which may have an unsaturated bond, an optionally substituted aromatic group and a heterocyclic group having conjugated double bonds, and n is an integer of 1 or 2);

R is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, alkaline metal, ~~an~~ optionally branched, optionally substituted C1 to C6 alkyl and acyl groups, and phenylalkyl group;

Q is selected from the group consisting of ~~an~~ optionally branched C1 to C6 alkyl and alkoxy groups, halogen atom, nitro group, nitroso group, amino group and sulfo group; and

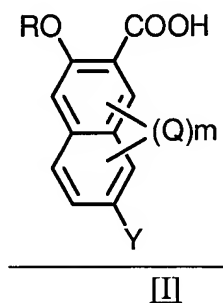
m is an integer of 0 to 3;

or a salt thereof.

2. (original): The charge control agent of claim 1, wherein Y is $-(\text{CONH})_n\text{-X}$, wherein n is 1 and X is a C8 to C18 alkyl group.

3. (currently amended): The charge control agent of ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein the agent is negatively chargeable and the absolute amount of the charge is no less than $+10.0 \mu\text{C/g}$.

4. (currently amended): An electrophotographic toner, comprising at least a binder resin, a colorant and a charge control agent consisting of the naphthol derivative represented by formula ~~(I)~~ II or a salt thereof:



wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of an esterified carboxyl group and a group of $-(\text{CONH})_n\text{-X}$ (wherein X is selected from the group consisting of an optionally branched and optionally substituted hydrocarbon group which may have an unsaturated bond, an optionally substituted aromatic group and a heterocyclic group having conjugated double bonds, and n is an integer of 1 or 2);

R is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, alkaline metal, optionally branched, optionally substituted C1 to C6 alkyl and acyl groups, and phenylalkyl group;

Q is selected from the group consisting of optionally branched C1 to C6 alkyl and alkoxy groups, halogen atom, nitro group, nitroso group, amino group and sulfo group; and

m is an integer of 0 to 3.

5. (new): The electrophotographic toner of claim 4, which comprises 100 parts by weight of the binder resin, 1-20 parts by weight of the colorant and 0.1-10 parts by weight of the charge control agent.

6. (new): The electrophotographic toner of claim 5, wherein Y is $-(\text{CONH})_n\text{-X}$, wherein n is 1 and X is a C8 to C18 alkyl group.